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Following is a Proposed Agenda.

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Title: System and Method for	
Programmatically Creating	
a Graphical Program	

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PROPOSED AGENDA FOR TELEPHONE INTERVIEW WITH EXAMINER OF APRIL 13, 2004

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

This is a proposed agenda for the telephone interview with the Examiner scheduled for Tuesday, April 13, 2004. In particular, Applicant would like to discuss the following issues.

1. Applicant proposes modifying the independent claim to include the limitation, "wherein the new graphical program comprises a plurality of interconnected nodes which model the program execution logic and data flow or control flow" to clarify distinctions over the cited art. Applicant would also like to discuss changing the term "graphical program objects" to "graphical program elements" or "graphical program nodes", to emphasize the difference between them and the "software objects" of Sojoodi, which are not graphical program elements or nodes. More generally, Applicant would visually indicate functionality of graphical programs new

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like to discuss and clarify the meaning of "graphical program" and "programmatically creating a graphical program".

2.   Applicant would like to discuss the substantial differences between Applicant's invention as claimed, and the systems of Sojoodi and McDonald. More specifically, Applicant would like to discuss the fact that neither Sojoodi nor McDonald programmatically creates a graphical program via execution of another graphical program, specifically via an API (Application Programming Interface).

If any extensions of time (under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136) are necessary to prevent the above referenced application(s) from becoming abandoned, Applicant(s) hereby petition for such extensions. If any fees are due, the Commissioner is authorized to charge said fees to Meyertons, Hood, Kivlin, Kowert & Goetzel PC Deposit Account No. 50-1505/5150-37301/JCH.

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